

Art Unit: 3749

(8) Evidence Relied Upon

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| GB 1 517 449 | WICKRAMASURIYA | 7-1978 |
| US 4,557,251 | BURKHARDT | 12-1985 |
| US 3,939,968 | RYDER | 2-1978 |
| US 2,847,067 | BREWER | 08-1958 |
| US 6,263,870 | STOUMEN ET AL. | 07-2001 |

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| SODIS: Technical Note #17, Sodis Bags and Temperature Sensors, 09/2000 |
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| <p>"A SUMMARY OF WATER PASTEURIZATION TECHNIQUES" (Dale Andreatta, Ph. D. P.E.); "Recent Advances in Solar Water Pasteurization and "Enhancement of Solar Water Pasteurization with Reflectors"</p> |
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(9) Grounds of Rejection

The following ground(s) of rejection are applicable to the appealed claims:

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims Rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claims **1, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 17-22, 26, 37-39, 43 and 47** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **GB 1 517 449** in view of **SODIS Technical Note #17, Sodis Bags and Temperature Sensors, US004557251 (Burkhardt), US003939968 (Ryder) and US2847067 (Brewer)**.